

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS**

**Call to Order:** by Chairman John Sinrud, on March 6, 2007 at  
4:01 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. John Sinrud, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Eve Franklin, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bill Beck (R)  
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)  
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)  
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)  
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)  
Rep. Joey Jayne (D)  
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)  
Rep. John L. Musgrove (D)  
Rep. Rick Ripley (R)  
Rep. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Rep. Jack Wells (R)  
Rep. Craig Witte (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Linda Keim, Committee Secretary  
Jon Moe, Alan Peura, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 807, 2/27/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON HB 807**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:23 Rep. Jack Wells (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 807, Biennial funding for university system and community colleges.

**Montana University System/Commissioner of Higher Education, Pg.E1**

00:11:20 Rep. Wells

**Informational Testimony:**

00:26:42 Sheila Sterns, Commissioner of Higher Education

**EXHIBIT**(aph47b01)

00:37:02 Tyler Trevor, Director, Institutional Information and Research, Montana University System

00:41:53 Roger Barber, Deputy Administrator, Commissioner of Higher Education

00:45:27 Mic Robinson, Montana University System

00:52:00 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau

00:57:37 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Community College

**EXHIBIT**(aph47b02)

01:02:51 Ed Bartlett, Montana Speech and Hearing Association

01:04:04 Jim Cargill, President, Dawson Community College

01:08:45 Stephanie Hicswa, President, Miles Community College

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:11:08 David Ewer, Governor's Budget Director

**EXHIBIT**(aph47b03)

01:21:13 Eric Burke, MEA/MFT

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:29:08 Rep. Morgan

01:35:35 Mr. Ewer

01:35:54 Rep. Morgan

01:38:00 Mr. Burke

01:38:45 Rep. Morgan

01:39:44 Rep. Sinrud

01:40:07 Mr. Burke

01:40:44 Rep. Kasten

01:41:31 Ms. Sterns

01:44:49 Rep. Kasten  
01:45:07 Ms. Sterns  
01:46:33 Rep. Kasten  
01:48:39 Mr. Cargill  
01:49:44 Rep. Beck  
01:51:15 Ms. Karas  
01:51:32 Rep. Ripley  
01:56:10 Mr. Robinson  
01:56:57 Rep. McChesney  
01:57:35 Ms. Sterns  
01:58:44 Rep. McChesney  
02:04:15 Ms. Hicswa  
02:05:15 Rep. McChesney  
02:05:29 Rep. Taylor  
02:06:03 Rep. Wells  
02:06:32 Rep. Taylor  
02:06:52 Rep. Ripley  
02:07:02 Rep. Taylor  
02:07:16 Rep. Glaser  
02:08:07 Rep. Taylor  
02:08:48 Mr. Trevor  
02:09:18 Rep. Sinrud  
02:09:44 Mr. Cargill  
02:10:09 Rep. Sinrud  
02:11:04 Ms. Hicswa  
02:11:10 Rep. Sinrud  
02:14:26 Mr. Ewer  
02:14:59 Rep. Sinrud  
02:15:40 Denver Henderson, ASUM Student Body Representative  
02:16:16 Rep. Sinrud  
02:20:36 Mr. Burke  
02:20:46 Rep. Musgrove  
02:27:53 Ms. Sterns  
02:28:25 Rep. Franklin  
02:29:51 Ms. Sterns  
02:30:42 Rep. Franklin  
02:34:01 Ms. Sterns  
02:34:18 Rep. Franklin  
02:38:48 Mr. Ewer  
02:40:04 Rep. Witte  
02:46:43 Rep. Wells  
02:47:55 Rep. Witte  
02:48:54 Rep. Morgan  
02:53:07 Ms. Sterns  
02:55:02 Rep. Franklin  
02:56:42 Amy Carlson, Governor's Budget Office

**EXHIBIT (aph47b04)**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:58:56 Rep. Wells

**Additional Exhibit:**

Response to request of Denver Henderson (ASUM) to present  
additional information

**EXHIBIT** (aph47b05)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 7:08 P.M.

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REP. JOHN SINRUD, Chairman

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LINDA KEIM, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([aph47bad.pdf](#))**